



The Epiphany Star
Newsletter of Epiphany
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November 2022
Lutheran Church
Wayne, Indiana

Dear Epiphany Lutheran Church

How important is your faith in God and the morals you have in your life? You may say your faith in God is important and a top priority in your life- but how much time do you spend with God? Do you spend: 10-15 minutes, 15-30 minutes each day? Maybe you spend 5 minutes every other day with God? It's not the amount of time I spend with God that is important, it is the quality of time I spend that is important. How much time do you spend on social media or watching programs, or playing games on your cellular phone? Which one really has the higher priority in your life?

When I was growing up my "Granny" used to always say to me, "They can take away a lot of things from you, home, furniture, family, job. But there are two things that they can never take away from you: your faith in God and your education. Always make sure you are solid in both of them." I have always tried to live by that statement: "Your faith in God and your education need to be kept on solid rock."

Matthew 7: 24-27, Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rains came down, the streams rose and the winds blew and beat against the house, yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rains came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew against the house and it fell with a great crash. Matthew 7: 24-27 NIV"

As we move into the month of November, Thanksgiving and preparations for the Season of Advent. Let us take a closer walk with God. So let us pause right now and bow your heads in prayer for at least 3 minutes... three times a day for the coming week. God wants our relationship to continue to grow and be strengthened. You will be glad you did.

Blessings on your FALL.
Pastor Richard Hartman

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Our Mission
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We are Christians, called by God, committed to:

Sharing the Gospel,

Serving others as Christ taught us, and

Creating disciples for witness.

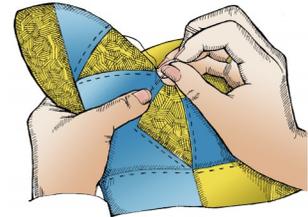
Epiphany Lutheran Church's Vision Statement:

A Christian family of God committed to sharing the Gospel and serving others, through joyful worship, education and fellowship.

Comfort Ye My People

Our quilting group will meet, on Wed. Nov.2nd and Sat. Nov. 5th at 10:00 am to start a “new year” of quilting. We sent off 103 quilts & 1 blanket to Lutheran World Relief last month, thanks to the dedication and outside help this past year. New members are always welcome to our group; if you can use a pin or tie a knot, you can help! Thank you for being a blessing to others all around the world!

Wednesday November 2nd
Saturday November 5th



QUILTING GROUP

Please feel free to stop in or call for any of your Pastoral needs. Our office hours are as follows:



Pastor: Sunday - Thursday 8:00 am - 2:30 pm
Monday evenings 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Dia: Monday - Thursday 10:00-3:00
Evenings through November 3rd
I will be on vacation Nov 30-Dec.13
Available by email and text.

Due to unexpected circumstances, these hours may be subject to change.

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Thanksgiving Worship Service

Please join us at 7:00 pm on
Tuesday, November 22, 2020

**Quarterly
Congregational
Meeting**

Our next Quarterly Voters' Meeting
is scheduled for
Sunday, November 20th,
at 9:00 am.

Please sign up for
Breakfast starting at 8:45 am

Angels Among Us!

We have members of our congregation who do many things behind the scenes, and we want to take the time to recognize just a few in this month's issue. Angels, you know who you are! Thank you for your contributions of time and talent!



Mowing and Trimming has continued through the fall.
Quilts and Kits were counted, packed up, and shipped
Paraments were changed for festival Sundays
Clean up around the property inside and out

Join us for Worship!

Every Sunday at 8:00 am
and 10:15 am

Grief Support
Monday at 7:00 pm
Please join us!

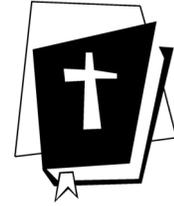
Let's Decorate!

The date has been set to
decorate Epiphany
for the Christmas season!

Please join the fun
on Saturday,
December 3rd, at 9:00 am.
There are jobs for all ages,
so consider making this
a part of your
family's holiday tradition!
We hope to see you there!



November
Bible
Readings



November 6th
All Saint's Day

Daniel 7:1-3
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

November 13th
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Malachi 4:1-2a
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

November 20th
Christ the King

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Colossians 1:11-20
Luik 23:33-43

November 22th
Thanksgiving Service

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Philippians 4:4-9
John 6:25-35

November 27th
1st Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

November is National Caregivers Month

In 1997 President Bill Clinton proclaimed November to be National Caregivers Month for the first time.

There are a over 60 million Americans who care for family, friends and neighbors without pay. Nearly one third of them are helping people suffering from mental health issues. These caregivers deserve our prayers, help and recognition.

Ways to celebrate and help caregivers in our lives:

1. Cards to thank them and recognize all they do.
2. Visiting with their loved one for a few hours so the caregiver can get out to run errands or take a nap.
3. Give them a subscription to a meal delivery system like Blue Apron or HelloFresh.
4. Provide a gift card for a haircut, massage or facial.
5. Provide homemade meals that can be frozen and cooked later.
6. Pick up groceries for them.
7. Talk with them, pray for them, and pray with them.

This month keep your eyes peeled for the caregivers in your life. Most caregivers feel quite alone and your acknowledgement of their work, along with tangible help can make them feel supported.



Caring for the Caregiver Workshop

Wednesday November 9th

9:00 - 12:00 pm

St. Michael Lutheran Church
(Luther Hall)

2131 Getz Road, Fort Wayne

Presenters: Maggie Carrell & Rev. Barry Belknap

In honor of National Caregiver Month the Lutheran Foundation and the Alzheimer's Association invite all community faith leaders to attend our free Caring for the Caregivers Workshop.

Interactive Workshop will focus on how to best support ALL caregivers within our faith communities - whether it be a care giver of someone with a developmental disability, someone caring for an aging parent and children in the home, or a care partner of someone with Alzheimer's, cancer or mental illness. Faith communities have the opportunity to support caregivers in a way that other community organizations do not: nurturing their mind, body and spirit.

We invite anyone who is a leader in their faith community including pastors, lay leaders, Stephen Ministers, senior ministry leaders, Mental Health Advocated, etc to be a part of this event.

Register for this FREE event:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/caring-for-caregiver-workshop-tickets-425724622807>

Poinsettias for Christmas Eve

We are awaiting pricing for this year.

Order forms will be in the office

Please watch for the prices and order deadlines
in the bulletins.

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Lutheran Senior Care Ministry

Lutheran Senior Care Ministry Update November 2022 **Our Mission: "Sharing Christ's Love with the ones you love!"**

We will have our annual meeting with our chaplains and Ambassadors on November 10th at Suburban Bethlehem Church.

It will be my last one as a Board member and I will continue to participate as our Ambassador for Epiphany.

I have enjoyed my service on the LSCM Board and wish the incoming Board members a successful term.

The ministry continues to thrive and we are filling a great need for elderly residents without church homes in our community.

Thank you for your prayers and support of LSCM!

Peace!

Sue

CHRISTMAS FAMILY

Watch for the Christmas Tree to appear in the narthex.
Each ornament will have an item and name to purchase.

Take the top slip of the ornament to place on your gift.

Write your last name on the ornament and place it in the container
on the table to show it is chosen.

Return wrapped gift at date requested with ornament information.

**If you do not want to shop, money can be given
to Alicia, Dia or Pastor for the family.**



BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

November Baptismal Birthdays

Molly Bowman

Richard Lee

Joyce Husted

Steve Haag

Kristen Davis

Minda Hartman

Jonathan Hartman

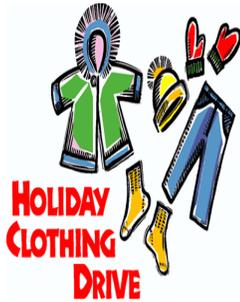
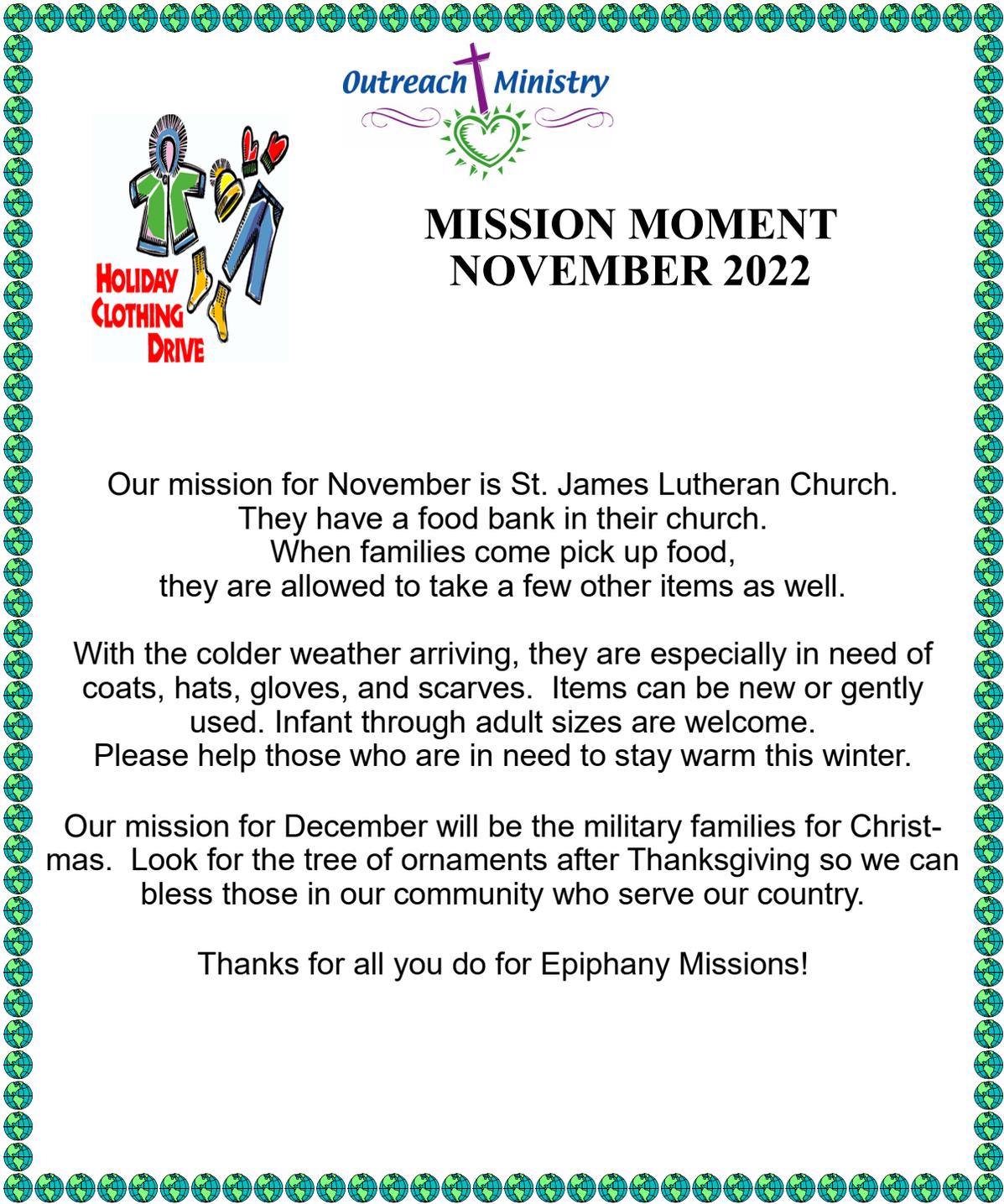
Cathy Rumfield

Linda Jancso

Mark Herb

Logan Balliet

“Happy birthday” to those who celebrate their second birthday during the month of November! Martin Luther said, *“When you wash your face remember your baptism.”* Take time to remember and celebrate this month!



MISSION MOMENT NOVEMBER 2022

Our mission for November is St. James Lutheran Church.
They have a food bank in their church.
When families come pick up food,
they are allowed to take a few other items as well.

With the colder weather arriving, they are especially in need of coats, hats, gloves, and scarves. Items can be new or gently used. Infant through adult sizes are welcome.
Please help those who are in need to stay warm this winter.

Our mission for December will be the military families for Christmas. Look for the tree of ornaments after Thanksgiving so we can bless those in our community who serve our country.

Thanks for all you do for Epiphany Missions!

Thank you so much for contributing to our Lutheran World Relief missions! After our year in 2020, we are already looking forward to next year! Here is a list of items that are always needed if you happen upon a sale or are doing house cleaning! Items in italics are most desperately needed.



Bath towels
Combs
Nail clippers
Gentle bath-size bar soap
Toothbrushes

Diaper pins
Cloth diapers (medium/large)
Flannel baby blankets*
*Footless sleepers/gowns**
Hand towels
Baby hats*
Socks
Sweaters* (up to 2T)
T-shirts* (up to 2T)
Large baby blankets or afghans*
Adult t-shirts (size large and up) to be made into diapers*



Baby Kits



Blankets (full or queen)*
*Mattress Pads**
Flat Sheets* (full or queen)

**Items can be new or gently used.*

**October is National Depression
and Mental Health Screening Month**

Find information and resources to help with
depression at
LookUpIndiana.org

There is a free Depression Screening Tool on the website. It is provided by Mental Health America, this screening tool is not intended as a diagnostic instrument, rather users are encouraged to share their results with their physician, pastor, or counselor to facilitate conversation around next steps toward whole person care.

There are other screening tools:
Depression Screening Tool
Anxiety Screening Tool
Trauma/PTSD Screening Tool
Substance Use Screening Tool

The Annual National LOSS
(Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors)
Team Conference
was a multi-dimensional,
Multiday event that actively explores
the public health crisis of suicide.

It was held at Purdue Fort Wayne Campus
October 16th-18th

Those in attendance were mental health professionals, first responders, school counselors, faith leaders, funeral directors, suicide loss survivors, LOSS team members and other community members to share and learn about caring for those struggling with a loss to suicide.

Topics: What to expect when you arrive at the scene of a suicide
Black Mental Health
How to prepare a suicide funeral sermon and how to handle
a eulogy/memorial for a suicide death.
5 ways churches protect against suicide
How to lead a suicide funeral while also practicing self-care

Pastor was one of the class leaders for this 3 day conference.

	<u>Nov. 6th</u>	<u>Nov. 13th</u>	<u>Nov. 20th</u>	<u>Nov. 22nd</u> Thanks- Giving 7:00 pm	<u>Nov. 27th</u>
	LBWII	LBWII	LBWII		LBWII
Organist/ Pianist					
Assisting Minister	Jim Davis	Rebecca Norberg	Amber Logan	7:00 pm Mark Herb	Dia Herb
Lector 8:00 am	Cheryl Ralston	Sue Johnson	Sue Davis	X	Kim Robinson
Lector 10:15 am	Alicia Davis	Melissa Hartman	Becky Roemer	7:00 pm Shane Pickett	Steve Haag
Communion Assistant 8:00 am	Cheryl Ralston	Sue Johnson	Due Davis	X	Kim Robinson
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